(b) to (d) The Operation Research Group has recently submitted its filled in schedules for the evaluation studies. On receipt of the filled in schedules from all the States, the concurrent evaluation report will be compiled and finalised by the Ministry of Rural Development.

Allocation of plan funds for development of power

862. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the region-wise allocation of Plan funds for the development of power in the successive Five Year Plans;

(b) the criteria according to which such allocations have been decided upon; and

(c) whether the eastern and the north-eastern zones received the lowest allocations for power in all the Plans?

THE MINISTER of STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The allocation of Plan funds for the development of power sector in the successive Five Year Plans is not done region-wise but the same is being done on Statewise basis. The allocation of Plan funds for the State is decided based on the State's own resources and the Central support. The Central support includes market borrowing, negotiated loans, formula based Central assistance, Central assistance for externally aided projects and plan revenue deficit grant etc. The Statewise allocation for power sector is available in the successive Five Year Plans document.

Variation in estimates of urban poor, unemployed and under-employed

863. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission's estimates regarding the number of urban poor, urban unemployed and under-employed have been found to be very low;

(b) whether the Lakadawala Committee has estimated that the number is about double the figure adopted by the Commission;

(c) what are the reasons for this wide variation; and

(d) what action is being taken to make the necessary correction?

THE MINISTER of STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO):

(a) and (b) Planning Commission has estimated the number of urban poor as 4.17 crore in 1987-88. The "Expert Group on Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor" under the chairmanship of Prof. D.T. Lakadawala has estimated the number of urban poor as 3.34 crore in 1987-88. Planning Commission estimates of urban unemployment rates, based on the results of National Sample Survey on Employment and Unemployment of 43rd (1987-88) are 6.56 per cent as per usual principal status, 7.12 per cent as per current weekly status and 9.36 per cent as per current daily status. The Expert Group under the chairmanship of Prof. D.T. Lakdawala has not estimated unemployment and underemployment rates.

(c) and (d) The variation in the estimate of urban poverty between Planning Commission and the "Expert Group" is due to the differences in the methodology of estimation.